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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CONTACT GROUP MEETING ON DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE FOR NAMIBIA, INCLUDING EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS

1. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT CONTACT GROUP IS FULLY
OCCUPIED WITH THE PROBLEM OF SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION ON
THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT, WE BELIEVE IT IS NOT TOO
EARLY TO LOOK BEYOND THIS STAGE TO THE QUESTION OF
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COORDINATING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NAMIBIA. IN FACT,
EVIDENCE THAT WE ARE DOING SO MIGHT ADD MOMENTUM TO OUR
EFFORTS TO GAIN APPROVAL FOR UNTAG. THEREFORE, USUN
SHOULD RECOMMEND TO THE CONTACT GROUP THAT WE BEGIN
PLANNING FOR A CG MEETING WITH PARTICIPATION FROM CAPITALS
SOME 3-4 WEEKS AFTER THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS ACTED TO
SET UP UNTAG IN ORDER TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND COORDINATE

PLANS ON WESTERN FIVE PARTICIPATION IN NAMIBIAN DEVELOPMENT
IN THE PERIOD LEADING UP TO AND FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE.

2. WE HAVE NOTED THE REPORTS THAT OTHER CG MEMBERS ARE
ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PLANNING THEIR OWN NATIONAL
CONTRIBUTIONS TO A NAMIBIAN DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. WE HAVE
BEEN MAKING OUR OWN TENTATIVE PLANS. FROM THE POINT OF
VIEW OF GETTING MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY FROM AVAILABLE
RESOURCES AND AVOIDING THE APPEARANCE OF AN UNSEEMLY

SCRAMBLE TO PURSUE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AIMS THROUGH NAMIBIAN
ASSISTANCE PROJECTS, IT SEEMS IMPORTANT TO COORDINATE THESE
PLANS AT AN EARLY DATE.

3. AMONG THE ISSUES WHICH A CG MEETING WITH PARTICIPATION
FROM FOREIGN OFFICE AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL
FROM CAPITALS MIGHT ADDRESS ARE:

-- THE DESIRABILITY OF A JOINT EFFORT BY THE FIVE TO
MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO NAMIBIAN DEVELOPMENT.

-- RELATIVE EMPHASIS OF MULTILATERAL UN PROGRAMS AND
BILATERAL PROGRAMS.

-- RESOURCES AVAILABLE AND PRIORITIES.

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-- EVALUATION OF NATIONHOOD PROGRAM BEING PREPARED
BY THE COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA AND COSTS OF EXECUTING SUCH A
PLAN.

-- POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP A SPECIAL UNDP FUND FOR
NAMIBIA WITH AN INITIAL CAPITAL OF \$25 MILLION.

-- PRIORITY PROGRAM FOR DEALING WITH NAMIBIAN EDUCATION
NEEDS AND THE FUTURE OF THE INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA.

4. THESE ARE VERY PRELIMINARY IDEAS ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE
DISCUSSED AT A CG MEETING BUT WE THINK IT IMPORTANT TO
BEGIN PLANNING NOW IF WE ARE TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SESSION
THREE WEEKS TO A MONTH HENCE. NEW YORK WOULD APPEAR TO
US TO BE THE LOGICAL VENUE FOR SUCH A MEETING AND COUNCIL
FOR NAMIBIA, UNDP AND OTHER UN ASSISTANCE AGENCIES COULD
BE ASKED TO MAKE INFORMAL PRESENTATIONS AS TO THEIR
PLANNING.

5. IN ADDITION TO THE FACT THAT WE SHOULD BEGIN
PLANNING NOW FOR A MEETING OF THIS SORT, WE BELIEVE THAT
THE NEWS THAT IT IS IN THE WORKS WILL INEVITABLY SPREAD

AROUND NEW YORK WITH POSITIVE EFFECTS ON SWAPO, THE OTHER
NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE AFRICAN STATES.

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